



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

17th Sunday After Pentecost

September 27, 2009

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Craig Felderhoff

+ **Exchange of Peace**

+ **Opening Praise & Worship**

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, now sing all creation!
Sing praise, my soul, in profound and complete adoration!
Gladsome rejoice -- organ and trumpet and voice --
joining God's great congregation.

Praise to the Lord, with sincere thanks for all your successes.
Merciful God ever loves to encourage and bless us.
God's care enfolds all, whose true good they uphold.
Hast thou not known God's sustaining?

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Sing praise, my soul, the great name of your high God commending.
All that have life and breath join you, their notes sweetly blending.
Let the amen sound from your people again;
gladly forever adore thee.

TRADING MY SORROWS

I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading my shame,
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.
I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain,
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

Yes, Lord yes, Lord, yes yes Lord. Yes, Lord yes, Lord, yes yes Lord.
Yes, Lord yes, Lord, yes yes Lord, Amen.

I am pressed but not crushed, persecuted, not abandoned;
struck down but not destroyed.
I am blessed beyond the curse, for Your promise will endure
that Your joy's gonna be my be my strength.
Though the Sorrow may last for the night, Your joy comes with the morning.

+ **Invocation**

Rev. Mona Lopez

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

We Gather

From many places
we gather here. This
is a high point of our
week. We see our
friends. We make new
friends. And we spend
time with The Friend
-- the loving Christ
who meets us where
we are, as we are. In
this Sanctuary we
worship and through
worship the courage
within us is kindled
to inspire courageous
living beyond
this place.

Esther 7:1-6,9-10;9:20-22

¹ Ahasuerus and Haman arrived at Esther's banquet. ² The next day, as they were drinking their wine, Ahasuerus said, "What do you desire, Esther? Anything you say will be given to you."

³ Esther replied, "My sovereign, if I have found favor in your eyes and if it be your wish, I ask you to spare my life, and the lives of my people. That is what I desire most. ⁴ For we, my people and I, have been condemned to be destroyed, slain and turned into chattel -- ourselves and our children. Had you merely intended to force us into labor, I would have said nothing. All this has been told to me by a reliable source. Our enemy brings shame upon the imperial court."

⁵ Ahasuerus said, "Who is this person who would dare do such a thing?"

⁶ Esther replied, "Our enemy is this scoundrel Haman." Haman was terrified and shrank in the presence of Ahasuerus and Esther.

⁹ Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs, said, "I have seen it myself. Haman has prepared a gallows for Mordecai -- the very person who gave you true information. The gallows stands in front of Haman's house and is seventy-five feet high."

Ahasuerus declared, "That is where Haman will hang. ¹⁰ So Haman was hung on the gallows that he had built for Mordecai. Only then was Ahasuerus' anger abated.

²⁰ Mordecai wrote down all these things in a scroll and sent copies to all the Jewish communities throughout the empire of Ahasuerus, both far and near, ²¹ telling them that they should keep the fourteenth and fifteenth day of Adar, ²² the days that they vanquished their enemies. They were to commemorate the entire month of Adar, for it was in that month when their lot had been changed from sorrow to joy. They were told to observe these days with celebrations and feasts, giving gifts of food to friends and to the poor.

Response to the Word

You Make Me Feel Like A Powerful Woman

Baptism

Kinley McEwan Poole

Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

You Raise Me Up

arr. Bradley Knight

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Don't Mess With this Queen!

We Hear the Word

The book of Esther includes the theme about someone who is not recognized by those around her and yet performs a mighty deed, or, in her case, an act of courage. The story of Esther reminds LGBTQ communities and their straight supporters that silence indeed equals death. There is no safety in "passing" as one in the majority community when one is not. However, Esther's timing is strategic. It was important for Esther, and us, to test the setting and to exercise wisdom before acting.

~ Out in Scripture
17th Sunday after Pentecost,
Year B, 2009;
adapted.

Making Ministry Happen

Jason Wood

Commissioning of Pastoral Care Ministers

Offertory

HeavenSound Handbells

Joshua Fit De Battle of Jericho

arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

Communion

Rev. Janice Ladd

Introduction to Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

Communion Songs

TAKE MY LIFE

Holiness, holiness is what I long for. Holiness is what I need.
Holiness, holiness is what You want from me.

Faithfulness, faithfulness is what I long for. Faithfulness is what I need.
Faithfulness, faithfulness is what You want from me.

chorus So take my heart; conform it. Take my mind; transform it.
Take my will; conform it to Yours, to Yours, oh Lord.

Righteousness, righteousness is what I long for. Righteousness is what I need.
Righteousness, righteousness is what You want from me. *repeat chorus*

FAIREST LORD JESUS

Fairest Lord Jesus, lover of all nature, O Thou of God and human son:
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair is the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight and all the twinkling starry hosts.
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and one of us!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!

Signed rather than Spoken

As we continue to embrace the diversity of our community, this Sunday we offer a signed, silent blessing during communion.

We Receive

All congregations in MCC practice an open communion. We believe that communion is a visible sign of Christ's presence and God's grace that each one of us, friend or member, may receive. Simply come forward as the ushers direct.

During Communion you will be offered bread and cup with a signed blessing.

We use grape juice for the cup so that all may participate.

If you desire a deeper partnering in prayer (intercessory prayer), our Fishers Net Prayer Ministry team is available following both services to pray with you.

*Receive God's
sufficient grace -
the gift of freedom
in God's love.*

We Sing

We sing as a body during the distribution of the elements. If you do not wish to sing, please be in an attitude of prayer for those who wish to meditate during this time.

KINDOM? Is that a typo?

No, Kindom is a relatively new term churches are using to expand our understanding of who we are as one body in Christ. Where KINGdom brings up images of a ruler with many lesser subjects, KINdom is about being one family, joined together by God's abundant love for all.

We Go Forth

God's love cannot be contained within the walls of this Sanctuary. Take the love of Christ from this place into your homes, neighborhoods and communities.

HOLY GROUND

This is holy ground, we're standing on holy ground,
For the Lord is present and where He is is holy.
This is holy ground, we're standing on holy ground,
For the Lord is present and where He is is holy.

We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now,
We are standing in your presence on holy ground.

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Singing Forth

ENVIADO SOY DE DIOS
(SENT OUT IN JESUS' NAME)
sing in the language of your choice

Enviado soy de Dios, mi mano lista está
para construir con El un mundo fraternal. **repetir**
Sent out in Jesus' name our hands are ready now
to make the earth the place in which the kindom comes. repeat

Los ángeles no son enviados a cambiar
un mundo de dolor por un mundo de paz.
The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.

Me ha tocado a mí hacerlo realidad;
Ayúdame, Señor a hacer tu voluntad.
The task is ours to do, to set it really free.
O help us to obey and carry out your will.

Postlude

Joel Hammett

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Worship

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Children & Youth Worship, Sunday, 11:00 am

Nursery

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

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Welcome!

If you are attending Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church for the first time, we are glad to have you here! We invite you to join us each week as we worship God and learn more about Christian living in an inclusive way. All are welcome.

Make sure to visit the Concierge Desk, located in our Welcome Area, to receive a gift from us. You will find friendly volunteer hosts waiting to greet you.

Worship Services

Resurrection MCC is proud to offer a variety in our worship services. Our two Sunday services, at 9 & 11 am, are identical in form, however they contain different elements from diverse religious traditions each week.

A Special Welcome to our First-Time Families!

Our nursery staff would love to meet you and your infants & children aged 1-3 years! The nursery is located to the right of the Sanctuary entrance and is open during both the 9 am & 11 am services.

Children and youth aged 4-12 years are invited to join our Youth Ministries Program during the 11 am service in the Activities Building (located across the breezeway from our main parking lot). Sign-in begins at 10:45 am. All children must be registered and signed-in to attend. Parents are welcome to join the children for Communion at 12 noon in the Activities Building. Snack & sign-outs begin at 12:15 pm.

About Us...

Resurrection MCC is a Christian church with a primary outreach to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community. We are a part of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, founded by Rev. Troy D. Perry in Los Angeles, California on October 6, 1968. Metropolitan Community Churches are on a bold mission to transform hearts, lives, and history. We are a movement that faithfully proclaims God's inclusive love for all people, and proudly bears witness to the holy integration of spirituality and sexuality.

The **Mission** of Resurrection MCC is to demonstrate God's unconditional love to all people through Christian action.

The **Vision** of Resurrection MCC is to **ATTRACT** people into a relationship with God through radical **INCLUSION** into God's family, transform them to Christ-like **MATURITY**, and **MOBILIZE** them for their life purpose.

At Resurrection MCC, every member and friend is a minister of the church. We envision a Christian community that values diversity and is as diverse and all-encompassing as creation. Through salvation, service, study, and tithing, each member and friend will live and grow in faith and be spiritually fed. To that end, we embrace five core beliefs:

We believe in God's unconditional love for everyone.

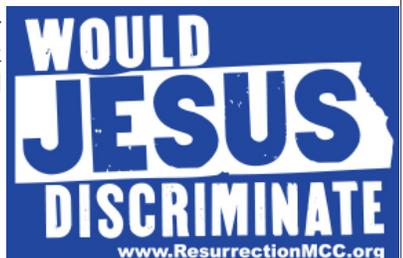
We believe in the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

We believe in including everyone and excluding no one.

We believe in joyfully providing access to Christ-centered spiritual nourishment and Biblical truths.

We believe that each of us will discover our spirituality through active participation in the work of God and in the pursuit of health, wholeness, and justice for everyone.

Again, welcome!





JAM! Children's Choir (Joy And Music!)

Rehearsals Each Sunday:
Oct 4 - Dec 12, 10:45 - 11:00 am

Mandatory Rehearsals:
Dec 12, 3:30 - 5:30 pm & Dec 19, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

All children ages 4-12 are invited!

The JAM! Children's Choir will be singing
in the Christmas Musical on Sunday, December 20.

Children and parents must commit to attend at least 50% of the
Sunday rehearsals and both of the mandatory rehearsals.

Directors: Jules Czarnik & Eve Messina



Come! Celebrate Christmas

Worship Arts Department Christmas Musical

All of our Worship Arts Ministries will be working
together to present this powerful musical during both
services on Sunday, December 20th. An open invitation is
extended to anyone who enjoys singing to join us in the
music room for this season to sing in the musical.

Rehearsal Dates

Tuesdays, October 13 - November 24, 7:45 - 8:45 pm
Tuesdays, December 1 - 15, 7:20 - 8:45 pm
Saturday, December 12, 2:00 - 5:30 pm
Saturday, December 19, 6:30 pm - ???

Anyone interested in working on the coordination/
backstage/production side of the musical is invited to
come be a part of the visioning process. We will be
meeting in the music room October 11th, 3:00 - 4:30 pm.



Praisin' Puppets

raisin' hands & reachin' hearts

Join the Worship Arts Department's
brand new Puppet Ministry!
Rehearsals held Sundays, 3 pm in the
Activities Building, starting October 25.

Ages 14 and over, adults preferred.

Friends of the Houston Public Library

9th Annual Children's Book Sale

Free and Open to the Public

2009

Proceeds benefit the Houston Public Library

WHEN?

Friday, September 25

11 AM - 6 PM

Saturday, September 26

10 AM - 4 PM

Sunday, September 27

1 PM - 5 PM

SUNDAY IS "BAG DAY."

Fill a Fiesta bag for \$10 each.

(Bags will be provided.)

WHAT?

Fiction, Non-Fiction Books,
Parenting and Education
Resources, Easy Books and
Board Books, Graphic Novels,
Foreign Language Books,
CD's & DVD's, Encyclopedias
and some other hidden treasures.

Books \$1 and \$2

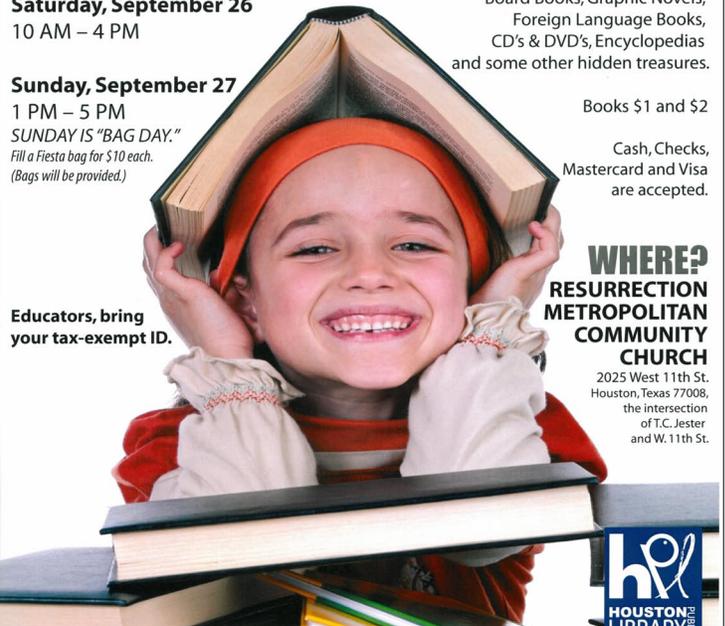
Cash, Checks,
Mastercard and Visa
are accepted.

WHERE?

RESURRECTION
METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY
CHURCH

2025 West 11th St.
Houston, Texas 77008,
the intersection
of T.C. Jester
and W. 11th St.

Educators, bring
your tax-exempt ID.



For more information 832-393-1387

www.friendsofhpl.org

Second Sunday Friend-Raiser Brunch

Second Sunday, October 11
Activities Building, 12:30 pm

Enjoy a delicious meal
and meet some new friends.



Proceeds benefit Imagine Campaign

The Chalice

opening...receiving...offering
Life in Fullness

WEDNESDAYS

*The Promise of the Cup:
Seeking the Presence of God
we become that which we seek.*

Community Meal

6:00 - 6:30 pm | Activities Building
simple supper, open to all

Spiritual Deepening

6:30 - 7:00 pm | Activities Building
*new & ancient practices of prayer,
meditation & worship*

Life Development Offerings

7:00 - 8:30 pm
*three classes, many paths . . .
where will you journey?*

Exciting Fall Offerings Through The Chalice

Race: The Power of an Illusion

Sep 23 - Oct 7

The division of the world's peoples into distinct groups - "red," "black," "white" or "yellow" peoples - has become so deeply imbedded in our psyches, so widely accepted, many would promptly dismiss as crazy any suggestion of its falsity. Yet, that's exactly what this provocative, three-hour series claims. By asking "What is this thing called race?" - a question so basic it is rarely asked - "Race - The Power of an Illusion" helps set the terms that any further discussion of race must first take into account. Originally aired on PBS in the Spring of 2003, this open series will be presented as a special video screening and discussion facilitated by The Center for the Healing of Racism over 3 consecutive Wednesday nights.

Soul Expressions Workshop

Sep 23 - Oct 28

We are all creative. We are all artists. We are all holy. The Soul Expressions workshops will include guided imagery, body awareness, collage and other forms of visual expression as well as opportunities for journaling and contemplation. NO PREVIOUS ART EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED. The first session of this 6-week series facilitated by Spiritual Director Cathleen Sheil will be open to all. Come and join us and decide whether you want to commit to the next 5 weeks.

Living the Questions II

Sep 23 - Nov 18

LtQ2 is an open-minded and progressive video-based conversation exploring what's next for Christianity. Segments include conversations with leading voices of faith, sermon and lecture clips, digital stories illustrating aspects of an evolving faith, and concrete spiritual practices and disciplines. Featuring such exciting and influential theological voices as John Shelby Spong, Yvette Flunder, Matthew Fox, and Mel White this series includes An Invitation to Journey, Taking the Bible Seriously, Thinking Theologically, Stories of Creation, Lives of Jesus, A Passion for Christ: Paul, Out into the World: Challenges Facing Progressive Christians. This ongoing series facilitated by members of the Spiritual Growth and Education Team can be experienced as independent segments or as an ongoing conversation - open to all!

CREATING A LIFE THAT MATTERS



MCC's Transformational Spiritual Development Curriculum

Creating a Life that Matters is a three-course curriculum which explores ways to rediscover relationship with the Sacred, with my Self, and with my Passion. These three courses correspond to the spiritual experiences of being changed, gifted and called. Graduates of Creating a Life that Matters will have been challenged to broaden their understanding of all that is Sacred; integrate their self-awareness into being authentic, aware leaders; and live their passion intentionally through the life and work of the church.

Creating a Life that Matters integrates art, scripture, music, film, journaling, and diverse spiritual resources to augment our exploration of the Christian path.



A Program of Metropolitan Community Churches
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Register Today!

Class size is limited to 25.

Cost is \$100 and covers curriculum, workbook, and other materials. We ask that you make a commitment to attend all 18 classes. Classes held Saturdays from 10 am - Noon. The first 25 individuals to submit this form, with payment, to *Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Gift Shop* will be secured a spot in the class.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Session I
Rediscovering Relationship with Sacred
October 10, 17, 24 / November 7, 14, 21

Session II
Rediscovering Relationship with Self
December 5, 12, 19 / January 9, 16, 23

Session III
Rediscovering Relationship with Passion
February 6, 13, 20 / March 6, 13, 20

For more information, please pick up a brochure from the Concierge Desk, or contact
Rev. Kristen at 713-861-9149 x107
or by email at RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org

Get Connected to a First Impressions Ministry

Stop by the Gathering Place after services and find out more about exciting volunteer opportunities!

Concierge Desk

Sol Lara

Concierge@ResurrectionMCC.org

Do you like to help people feel welcome and included?

We need loving, warm and friendly people to serve at the Concierge Desk, located in the Gathering place, before and after both Sunday Worship Services! This desk helps welcome new friends, provide them with a free gift, and help them get connected.

Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Gift Shop

Ana Tarver

Inspirations@ResurrectionMCC.org

Looking for new friendly faces and volunteers for this ministry! Provide outstanding customer service in an atmosphere of fellowship for people to make connections.

Second Family Care Partners

Kristia Ammerman

SecondFamily@ResurrectionMCC.org

This care team acts as extended family and friends, offering emotional, practical, and spiritual support. Meets for lunch 1st Sun. at 12:30 pm.

Ushers

Dave Mathis

Ushers@ResurrectionMCC.org

We need ushers for 9 & 11 am Sunday Worship Services. Teams serve one service (either 9 or 11 am) each month. Remember, "No one is *JUST* an usher."

Welcome Team

Jason Sowders

Welcome@ResurrectionMCC.org

Do you like helping people feel special and welcome the moment they arrive to the church?

We want to welcome people to the church and help them get to where they need to go. Team members are positioned at every door and sidewalk, greeting people with a smile and kind word, offering directions or answering questions.

If you have questions or would like to join any of these teams, email the team lead (listed above) or contact Jason Wood at Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org or 832-971-0354.



Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act

The Ryan White CARE Act is in danger of not being authorized by the September 30 deadline. If this happens, funding for HIV/AIDS services will stop on March 1, 2010. This will directly affect over 8,000 Houstonians. Please come to the Gathering Place after service today and sign letters to encourage the passage of this bill. For those that previously signed letters, please return if we did not receive your address.



Fall Season of Service September, October, November

We still need 12 new Teaching Team Partners for this Fall who will offer 3 Sundays total to support our families!

Grab a friend and experience the joy of this ministry with our kids! Email Joel or Rev. Kristen TODAY!:

Joel@ResurrectionMCC.org or

RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org

Or call 713-861-9149 x107. It's About All of Us!



Legacy Tree Donations

Please consider donating towards the planting of memorial trees at Resurrection MCC. These memorial trees will help beautify our campus and provide ecological benefits while honoring our loved ones. Contact Craig Felderhoff at Craig@ResurrectionMCC.org for pricing and more information.

Food Pantry

Mondays & Wednesdays

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Appointment Necessary:

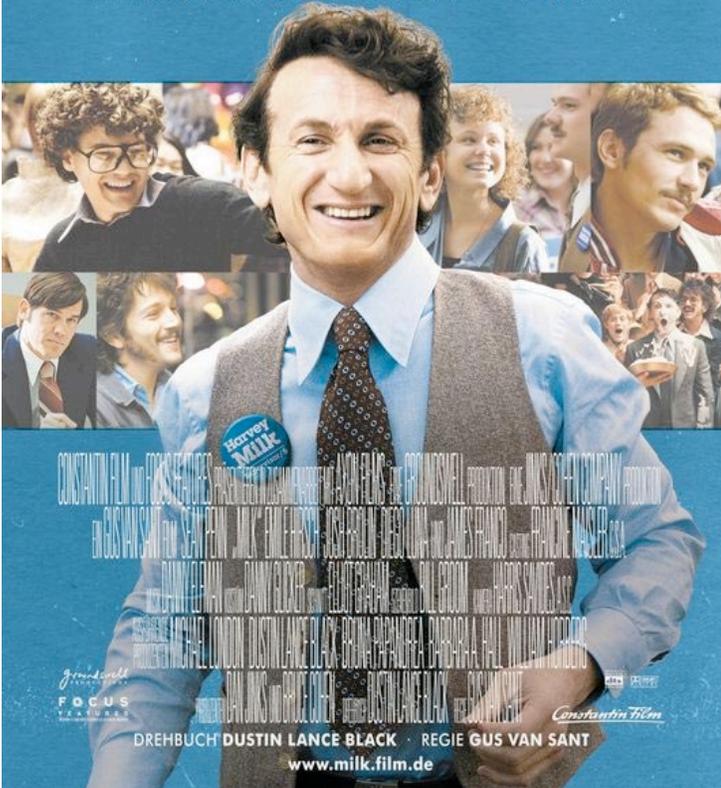
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**Nonperishables Needed:
Canned Meats, Vegetables,
Fruit, Juice, Soup, Pasta,
Rice, Beans**



SEAN PENN MILK

EMILE HIRSCH JOSH BROLIN DIEGO LUNA UND JAMES FRANCO



FRIDAY FLIX

OCTOBER 2, 7 PM
SANCTUARY

Bring your family and friends to Resurrection for our monthly movie night, Friday at 7 pm!

LANDSCAPE & FACILITIES WORKDAY

Saturday, October 3
9 am - Noon

Mark your calendars on Saturday, October 3 for fellowship and participation as we work together to care for our church campus. Tasks will include weeding, trash pickup, organizing interior rooms, painting, and general cleaning.



Please email Craig@ResurrectionMCC.org for more information or to indicate your willingness to participate.

New Members' Class

Saturday, October 10

9 am - Noon

Chapel / Breakfast Served

Join Rev. Dwayne, Rev. Janice, Rev. Kristen, and Jason to discuss the mission, vision, and values of Resurrection MCC, to discover our connection to the world through our affiliation with the Metropolitan Community Churches, and to join this family of faith in purpose, service, and fellowship!

To register, contact Jason Wood,
Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org
or 713-861-9149 x105.

Download the Spiritual Gifts Assessment
from www.ResurrectionMCC.org

EVERYONE IS INVITED

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT "CHALICE" OFFERING

DISCOVERING MY MINISTRY SPIRITUAL GIFTS

PRESENTED BY JASON WOOD

WEDNESDAY NIGHT | OCTOBER 21 & 28

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

As the body of Christ, the church functions, "...as each part does its work." (Ephesians 4:16b)

As a community we are interrelated and interdependent. Finding our part in the body comes from discovering and utilizing our spiritual gifts.

Jason will facilitate this class to help each person discover and develop their spiritual gifts; place members in a meaningful ministry that best suits their unique gifts and abilities; and stimulate creativity in gifted people for developing new ministries. Join us as we find our unique fit in the body of Christ and build up our community.

This class will change your life! If you would like to RSVP or find out more information about this offering e-mail me at Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org.

In Christ's Love,

Jason Wood, Director of Connections

Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org / 713-861-9149 x105

LGBTQ Solutions for Living Well

Professional Services Provided at
Resurrection MCC Wellness Center

Connections

A 12-Session
Psychoeducational
Shame-Resilience
Curriculum



Revised and Expanded
Brend Brown, Ph.D., LMSW

Are you broken?
Do you feel a need to be fixed?

**There is hope for change,
empowerment and living
authentically!**

Connections:

A 12-Session Psychoeducational Shame
Resilience Curriculum

Facilitated by Tammy S. Fountain,
LPC, ATR-BC

Mondays

October 5 - December 21, 6 - 7:15 pm

Course developed by Brene Brown, PhD, LMSW, researcher,
educator & writer. Learn to identify and overcome shame
through exercises, handouts and lecture.

In order to provide a safe place for discussion and healing
from experiences unique to people of
sexual orientation or gender identity difference,
group limited to LGBTQ participants.

Fee: \$520 in installments, \$480 in full



Adult Mixed Group

\$40 per group. Tuesdays beginning September 15.

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Call Tammy at 832-863-8221

Co-Therapists:

Tammy S. Fountain, LPC, ATR-BC
Michael Mann, LCSW

New Men's Group Therapy The Gentlemen's Club

Are you stressed out, worried, or
depressed? Struggling to balance a job and
a family without everything falling apart?

This group provides a safe space to talk
about issues affecting men today, ranging
from relationships/family issues, financial/
job related stress, depression, anxiety, grief,
and major life changes.

\$40 per group.

Group open, space limited.

Mondays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Call Michael at 713-446-8034

Therapist: Michael Mann, LCSW



Individual, family, and couples therapy available.
Request MCC Rates.

Michael Mann, LCSW / 713-446-8034
Adolescents & Adults

Tammy S. Fountain, LPC, ATR-BC / 832-863-8221
Children, Adolescents & Adults

Why Become a Legacy Giver?



- To stimulate our worship experience through audio/visual enhancements.
- To forge new friendships through a revitalized, enlarged Welcome Center.
- To design a space that will transform lives by converting the Activities Building into the Life Development Center.
- To create committed leaders for tomorrow through expanded children and youth programs.
- To inspire adults to vitality and wholeness through increased education, wellness, community involvement, and spiritual growth opportunities.
- To reach millions with the *Would Jesus Discriminate?* billboard and marketing campaign.
- To impact the lives of those oppressed through further partnerships with organizations focused on social justice.
- To create financial health and long-term stability through increased payments on our debt.

**Commitment cards may be picked up at
The Concierge Desk and Sanctuary entrances.
Please return in offering basket or by mail.**

NATIONAL EQUALITY MARCH

WASHINGTON, D.C.

"GLBT rights are civil rights; there are no 'special rights' in America. Everyone has rights - or should have - and I am happy to join in this battle for justice and fairness."
Julian Bond, NAACP Board Chairman

OUR TIME IS NOW

Come join us in the fight for full federal equality for all Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender people in all matters governed by civil law in all 50 states.

OCTOBER 10-11, 2009
WASHINGTON, D.C.
www.nationalequalitymarch.com

If you are planning to attend, please let us know!
Email Equality@ResurrectionMCC.org

Save The Date!



ASSISTHERS
2009
**Decadent
Dessert**
and more...

Sunday, Oct. 11th 2009

(National Coming Out Day)

South Beach
810 Pacific Street
4 - 8 pm

Tickets \$25.00 in advance

Buy Tickets Online www.assisthers.org

Contact Chair **Becky Earle** becksterj@aol.com

ADVANCED TICKETS SALES IN GATHERING PLACE
9/20, 9/27, 10/4 & 10/11 AFTER BOTH SERVICES



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DRUMMING CIRCLE

Saturday, October 3, 3:00 - 4:30 pm
Gathering Place

This group is open to ALL, and requires no prior experience with drumming. Join us!

For more information, contact Denise Junious,
DrumCircle@ResurrectionMCC.org.

Drumming Circle is hosted monthly on the first Saturday.

Stewardship Thought for the Week

Money is of no value till 'tis used.

~ Elizabeth Cooper

Board Members on Duty

Elisa Vega-Burns & Wayne Wiggins

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

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Flowers in the Sanctuary

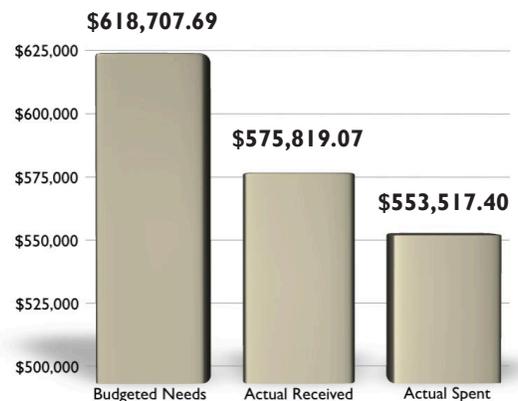
Consider donating flowers in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special day.

Sign up on the Flower Chart in the Welcome Area.

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending September 20, 2009

			Week	Year
<i>Tithes & Offerings</i>				
9/20/09 9:00 am	121	\$2,462.00	\$119,960.54	
9/20/09 11:00 am	367	\$4,990.50	\$246,317.41	
6:30 pm			\$3,709.05	
* Opportunity Challenge			\$34,909.49	
Special Services			\$4,430.64	
Online Giving		\$1,337.78	\$44,946.04	
Other Contributions		\$1,210.00	\$70,410.73	
Total	488	\$10,000.28	\$524,683.90	
<i>Other General Fund Income</i>				
Fundraising			\$2,510.65	
Miscellaneous		\$500.20	\$48,624.52	
Total Received		\$10,500.48	\$575,819.07	
Budgeted Need		\$17,653.85	\$618,707.69	
Total Surplus / (Deficit)		(\$7,153.37)	(\$42,888.62)	
Total Imagine Capital Campaign		\$1,179.34	\$87,012.72	



* Opportunity Challenge total includes the \$15,000 matching contribution.

This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry (Everyone Welcome) *Chapel*
 10:15 am Adeste Praise Band Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
 10:45 am Youth Ministries Program *Activities Building*
11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson
 12:30 pm Houston Public Library Book Sale *Activities Building*
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 28

- 6:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting *Gathering Place*
 7:00 pm Houston Pride Band Rehearsal *Activities Building*

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 29

- 7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal *Music Room*
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30

- 6:00 pm The Chalice: Community Meal *Activities Building*
 6:30 pm The Chalice: Spiritual Deepening *Activities Building*
 7:00 pm Soul Expressions Workshop *Activities Building*
 7:00 pm Race: The Power of an Illusion *Activities Building*
 7:00 pm Living the Questions II *Activities Building*

THURSDAY OCTOBER 1

- 5:30 pm Yoga for Bears (www.yogaforbears.com) *Activities Building*
 7:00 pm Yoga for Bears (www.yogaforbears.com) *Activities Building*
 7:00 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Music Room*

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED OCTOBER 2

- 7:00 pm Friday Flix: MILK *Sanctuary*

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3

- 9:00 am Landscape & Facilities Workday
 10:00 am Yoga for Bears (www.yogaforbears.com) *Activities Building*
 11:15 am Yoga for Bears (www.yogaforbears.com) *Activities Building*
 3:00 pm Drumming Circle *Gathering Place*
 1:00 pm Angels in Motion Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry (Everyone Welcome) *Chapel*
 10:15 am Adeste Praise Band Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
 10:45 am Youth Ministries Program *Activities Building*
11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson
 12:30 pm Semi-Annual Congregational Forum *Sanctuary*
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*